

## HISTORICAL DIVISION[223]

### Notice of Intended Action

**Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”**

**Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 303.1A, the Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs proposes to amend Chapter 49, “Historical Resource Development Program Grants,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment to Chapter 49 adds language that clarifies the Certified Local Government requirement for grant applicants in the Historic Preservation category.

Public comments concerning the proposed amendment will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on December 22, 2009. Interested persons may submit written comments by contacting Kristen Vander Molen, Department of Cultural Affairs, Historical Building, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0290; fax (515)281-6975; E-mail [kristen.vandermolen@iowa.gov](mailto:kristen.vandermolen@iowa.gov). Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact the Department of Cultural Affairs at (515)281-4228.

Also, there will be a public hearing on December 22, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the above address in the Tone Board Room. At the hearing, persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those relating to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department and advise of specific needs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 303.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 223—49.3(303) as follows:

**223—49.3(303) Funding policies.** The grant programs shall be conducted according to published guidelines that outline funding priorities, review criteria, application forms, adjudication processes and grantee requirements. Programs include REAP/HRDP regular grants, REAP/HRDP emergency grants, and country school grants.

**49.3(1) to 49.3(12)** No change.

**49.3(13)** Grant funds shall not be awarded to a city or county government for a project in the historic preservation category unless the city or county government has been approved as a Certified Local Government (CLG) by the National Park Service and determined to be a CLG in good standing by the state historic preservation office (SHPO). CLG cities, counties, and land use districts must be current in their submission of Iowa CLG annual report forms to be considered in good standing.

**49.3(13) 49.3(14)** All government, nonprofit corporation, or Indian tribe applicants shall demonstrate that the historical resource is accessible to the public no less than an average of 16 hours per week or shall provide a statement concerning actions to be taken in the forthcoming 36 months after the grant award to provide the above-specified accessibility of the funded project to the public, unless access is restricted by specific federal or state code. Archaeological sites that are part of funded projects are not required by this program to be accessible to the public.

**49.3(14) 49.3(15)** All private corporations, businesses, and individual applicants shall demonstrate that the historical resources which benefit from being acquired, developed or preserved, or the portions of the historical resource so benefited, shall be accessible to the public no less than an average of 96 hours per year or shall provide a statement concerning actions to be taken in the forthcoming 36 months after the grant award to provide the above-specified accessibility of the funded project to the public, unless

access is restricted by specific federal or state code. Archaeological sites that are part of funded projects are not required by this program to be accessible to the public.

~~49.3(15)~~ 49.3(16) A grantee shall credit the historical resource development program in all promotions, publicity, advertising, and printed materials relating to the grant-supported project, with the following credit line or a reasonable facsimile: "This program is supported in part by the State Historical Society of Iowa, Historical Resource Development Program." Noncompliance with this requirement shall jeopardize future funding of the grantee by the historical division.

~~49.3(16)~~ 49.3(17) The historical division may, for cause, find that a grantee is not in compliance with the requirements of this program or the terms of the contract. At the division's discretion, remedies for noncompliance may include penalties or the repayment of program funds. Reasons for a finding of noncompliance include but are not limited to: the grantee's use of program funds for activities not described in its application or not permitted under the program; the grantee's failure to complete approved activities in a timely manner; the grantee's failure to comply with any applicable professional standards, state rules, or federal regulations; the lack of a continuing capacity on the part of the grantee to carry out the approved program in a timely manner; or violation of the terms of the contract.